

Israel: Syria has SA-13 missiles

TEL AVIV (R) — The Soviet Union has recently supplied Syria with advanced SA-13 surface-to-air missiles designed to counter low-flying aircraft, the Israeli military command said. It said that the SA-13, which is effective against planes flying at altitudes between 50 and 1,000 metres, had been deployed with Soviet forces since the late 1970s. The command said the missiles were supplied to Syria as part of "an unprecedented military build-up designed to reach 'strategic balance' with Israel." According to London's International Institute for Strategic Studies, Israel's air defences include 15 battalions of U.S.-made improved Hawk surface-to-air missiles.

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Weizsaecker to visit Jordan Feb. 3-5

AMMAN (J.T.) — West German President Riehard von Weizsaecker is due to arrive here early next month on a three-day state visit to Jordan for talks with His Majesty King Hussein and Jordanian leaders, official sources told the Jordan Times. The sources, who declined to be identified, said West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher will probably accompany Mr. Weizsaecker on his trip which will start on Feb. 3. The state visit is expected to last until Feb. 5. The West German president will also visit Egypt on another three-day visit immediately after his visit here, the Associated Press quoted Foreign Ministry sources in Bonn as saying. The president also plans to visit Finland in March, the Bonn sources said. The visit by Mr. Weizsaecker will be the first ever by a West German president to Jordan.

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5 bilharzia cases detected in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — Five bilharzia cases have been detected through laboratory tests in Jordan, according to Dr. Mohammad Rida Tawfiq, head of the Bilharzia Department at the Health Ministry. He said that samples of water in 22 places in the Jordan Valley have been tested and were found to contain bilharzia snails. The samples collected under the supervision of Dr. Rida and Dr. Elia Saliba from the University of Jordan "reflect the seriousness of the situation in the country's drinking water and calls for immediate remedy," the Health Ministry official said.

X-ray banned in private surgeries

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Medical Association (JMA) has decided to ban the use of X-ray in surgeries by private doctors in Jordan, a JMA statement said Tuesday. The statement said that the association has given until the end of January to private doctors to dispose of X-ray equipment in their clinics. The use of X-ray equipment in private clinics was proved to have caused great harm to doctors and patients alike and, therefore, the JMA has taken the decision, the statement said.

Jordan seeks Arab support for ALO candidate

AMMAN (Petra) — The Foreign Ministry has sent out messages to its missions in Arab countries and to Arab ambassadors in Amman urging Arab government support for electing a Jordanian to the post of the Arab League Organisation's (ALO) director general for the next term. The ministry also urged Jordanian missions to make contacts with the purpose of securing the necessary support for Jordan's candidature to the post, Dr. Saleh Al Khasawneh, under-secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Development.

Parliamentary team to visit Egypt

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Jordanian parliamentary delegation is due to visit Egypt in the middle of January at the invitation of the Egyptian parliament. The delegation, to be led by Lower House Speaker Akel Al Fayez, will be returning a visit to Jordan by a team representing the joint Egypt-Sudan Nile Valley Parliament late last year.

French officer killed in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Lieutenant-Colonel Claude Cuono, deputy commander of the French military observer force in Lebanon, has been killed in west Beirut, an officer in the force said Tuesday. Capt. Claude Bushing told Reuters Col. Cuono, 45, was found Monday night with a single bullet wound in his head at the western end of the "museum crossing" between mainly Muslim west Beirut and the mostly Christian east. Capt. Bushing said Col. Cuono was on foot at the time he was shot, but could give no other details.

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Secrecy shrouds results of Shultz-Gromyko talks

GENEVA (Agencies) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz Tuesday ended a fourth round of arms talks in Geneva after five hours and 20 minutes.

U.S. officials said the session at the U.S. mission to the United Nations broke off at 7.50 p.m. (18.50 GMT).

In all, the ministers spent 14½ hours discussing ways to resume arms control negotiations during their four meetings Monday and Tuesday.

Reporters at the mission said Mr. Gromyko emerged solemn-faced and declined to answer questions. "Best wishes to you all," he said.

Mr. Shultz was expected to address a news conference after the end of Tuesday's session, which followed nearly seven hours of talks Monday. A Soviet spokesman was also expected to brief reporters, Soviet newsmen said. Officials would not confirm either event.

Both sides have struck to a decision to issue no information on the substance of the arms talks, the first between the superpowers for 13 months, to over 800 newsmen in Geneva.

While Mr. Shultz met Mr. Gromyko, preliminary arrangements were being made to brief American allies on the outcome. It was learned the briefing

would extend to Western Europe and as far away as Australia and New Zealand. Also, a huge saloon in hotel was reserved on the expectation Mr. Shultz would hold a news conference.

At the same time, neither the U.S. nor Soviet government lifted the veil of secrecy that has kept the substance of the discussions from the public.

A reporter who tried to pry some information from Mr. Gromyko at a picture-taking session was turned aside by the 75-year-old foreign minister.

"I confirm that I am Gromyko," Mr. Gromyko said.

And when the reporter persisted in asking if post-Geneva negotiations had been set, Anatoly F. Dobrynin, the Soviet ambassador to Washington, joked: "Good question."

The American side was also closed-mouthed. State Department spokesmen held no briefings for reporters, apparently on Mr. Shultz's orders.

Soviet Television said the talks in Geneva enabled both sides to clarify each other's positions and would facilitate further dialogue. Top political commentator Val-

entin Zorin said it was still too early to talk about results from the meetings between Mr. Gromyko and Mr. Shultz.

Mr. Zorin said the media attention the talks had attracted had allowed Moscow to put across its position clearly to the world.

He said this was a factor of "paramount political significance."

His despatch from Geneva was the most detailed Soviet media report since the exploratory talks on space and nuclear arms began Monday.

Mr. Zorin said although the talks had enabled both sides to put across their views, the position of the U.S. delegation "reflected Washington's earlier ideas, which make difficult the search for mutually acceptable agreement." He did not elaborate.

The Soviet Union has made clear it gives top priority to reaching accord on space weapons. The United States says it will discuss the weapons but will go ahead with plans to develop an anti-missile space defence system. Washington has said it wishes to concentrate on curbing "offensive" nuclear arms.

Mr. Zorin said Washington had been under pressure from "powerful U.S. circles" which were against U.S.-Soviet agreement in general.

Diplomats expected few tangible results would emerge from the talks.

Arab League supports Lebanese position

TUNIS (Petra) — The Arab League said here Tuesday that the Arab League's position on the current Lebanese-Israeli negotiations at Naqoura said that the Israelis "will not achieve what they have failed to realise through their occupation of southern Lebanon."

The Lebanese government has clearly defined its position vis-à-vis the withdrawal of Israeli forces and is adhering to its stand which would ensure the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and would guarantee Lebanon's continued cooperation with U.N. forces, the statement said.

It said that only these principles can guarantee peace based on justice.

The Naqoura negotiations exposed Israel's expansionist designs in Lebanon, the statement said. It also paid tribute to the Lebanese resistance in the occupied Lebanese territory.

Another statement issued by the Arab League Tuesday said that the 83rd and 84th Arab League council sessions will be held in Tunis during this year. It said that the first session will take place between March 25 and 27 and the second will be held on September 10. The statement said that Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi has requested Arab foreign ministers to submit to the league's secretariat at least six weeks in advance subjects that they wish to be discussed by the council.

Israel to skip next round of Lebanon pullout talks

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel will not send its delegation to the next round of United Nations-sponsored troop withdrawal talks but has made no decision to break off the negotiations with Lebanon, government officials said Tuesday.

A government official said Prime Minister Shimon Peres' cabinet would discuss the position taken by Lebanon's delegation in the latest round of talks that ended in stalemate Monday in the Lebanese border town of Naqoura.

An aide to Mr. Peres said the last round of talks were "somewhat disappointing" and that he did not expect the cabinet to arrive at a decision on what steps to take next by Thursday.

"As it looks at this moment we will not return to the talks on Thursday," said another government official. "This does not mean we are breaking off the talks."

Israeli officials have accused Lebanon of failing to respond to Israel's demand for an expanded United Nations peacekeeping role

in South Lebanon after an Israeli pullout. The talks which began Nov. 8 have been deadlocked on the issue almost from the outset.

Lebanon's position at the talks is that the deployment of U.N. troops is an issue between it and the U.N. and not a topic of discussion between Lebanon and Israel. It is waiting for Israel to submit a withdrawal plan so that negotiations can begin in earnest.

Israel says it cannot submit a plan until an agreement is reached on the U.N. taking charge of "security" functions in areas it evacuates.

Some Israeli officials say privately that if Lebanon and the U.N. come to a satisfactory agreement for the deployment of U.N. troops in Lebanon, Israel might be willing to negotiate a withdrawal with Lebanon afterwards.

Israeli forces are under almost daily hit-and-ruo attacks and there is mounting public pressure in Israel for the government to carry out a unilateral pullback.

U.S. priest kidnapped in Beirut

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Police and militiamen searched Beirut Tuesday for a middle-aged American priest abducted hours after a Swiss diplomat was freed from kidnappers by security men of the Shi'ite Muslim Amal movement.

Father Lawrence Martin Jenco, the second U.S. clergyman kidnapped in west Beirut in eight months, was forced from his car by unidentified armed men on his way to work Tuesday morning, his driver told Reuters.

The Rev. Jenco, 50, is a Catholic servite father who has worked in Lebanon for three months as director of the U.S.-based charity Catholic Relief Service (CRS) here, a CRS spokeswoman said.

The driver, who asked not to be named, said he and Father Jenco were intercepted by two cars in a road just behind a police station a few hundred metres from the father's apartment.

"A Volvo stopped in front of me. I tried to reverse but was blocked by a second car. I saw four men in the first car, pointing guns at us. Then two in the second car fired eight or nine shots in the air," the driver said.

Three men got into Father Jenco's car. "They put us in the back seat. One drove, one put a gun to my head and a third stuck a gun against Jenco's chest," he said.

U.S. silent over Falasha airlift to Israel

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The United States Monday maintained official silence on the Israeli airlift of black Ethiopian Jews and a U.S. official commented privately that earlier secrecy had helped the operation to continue.

State Department spokesman Alan Romberg, questioned at a news briefing, refused to make any comment on the airlift of Falashas to Israel from drought-stricken Ethiopia by way of neighbouring Sudan.

Asked last Friday if the U.S. had cooperated on the airlift, Mr. Romberg said: "I'm not really going to get into the details of what we've done or how we've done it."

U.S. newspapers have since

reported that the U.S. worked closely with Israel and Sudan on the airlift as Sudan, a member of the Arab League, has no relations with the Jewish state.

The secret airlift was halted in a blaze of publicity but Israeli leaders pledged to take 12,000 Falashas remaining in the Horn of Africa to Israel. President Chaim Herzog has appealed to journalists not to publicise the migration.

A United Nations spokesman said that Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar had no comment on the airlift.

There was no word on any Israeli effort to get the airlift going again. Zvi Eyal, spokesman for the Jewish Agency immigration

organisation, said a number of airlines had offered to help.

Mr. Eyal reported some 4,000 black Jews were "in the pipeline" to Israel when the Brussels-based Trans European Airways stopped operating the previously elated flights.

According to Western reports, Falashas are trekking from Ethiopia to Sudan on foot and embarking from there. The Jewish Agency says 7,364 reached here last year, most in the last two months.

Ethiopia has accused Sudan, a member of the Arab League, of colluding with Israel. Khartoum has denied it knew of the flights. Could Numetri help Falashas? page 4



The Joint Jordanian-Palestinian Committee to support the steadfastness of the people of the occupied territories holds a meeting Tuesday at the Interior Ministry (Petra photo)

Morocco says PLO should form Palestinian government-in-exile

RABAT (R) — King Hassan of Morocco has said that if he were head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), he would set up a Palestinian government-in-exile.

"If I were at the head of the PLO, the first thing I would do would be to create a government-in-exile with the left, the right and centre," he said in an interview with the London-based Saudi Arabian newspaper Sharq Al Awsat reported by the Moroccan news agency MAP.

"If I were the head of the PLO, I would take organisational measures in accordance with the demands of the year 2000," he added.

King Hassan said a new Middle East war was unlikely. On Lebanon, the king said the

"In the event of a danger of war, several countries will intervene to prevent a confrontation. Since the two belligerents — the Arabs and Israel — know that a new war cannot be started, it seems to me that the danger is remote," he said.

Asked his views on the resumption of diplomatic relations between Egypt and Jordan and the prospect of Egypt's return to the Arab League, the king said these were two distinct issues.

He said Jordan and Egypt were sovereign states at liberty to do what they liked but that the return of Egypt to the Arab fold would require a decision by all Arab heads of state.

He added: "Before anything else, it is necessary to re-establish law, order and the survival of the (Lebanese) state."

Abas had not exploited the fact that Israel's 1982 invasion had failed. "It is over 18 months since Israel lost the war in Lebanon and we have not known what to do with our victory."

He said that before negotiating with Israel, it would be better for Lebanon to put its own house in order. "The key to the problem lies with the Lebanese themselves. Let them purify their atmosphere. It is only when they have done so that they will be in a position to usefully negotiate a solution with Israel."

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Baghdad reports attacks on 3 vessels

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq reported three more ships attacked in the Gulf Tuesday and a South Korean freighter said it had been hit by a missile.

A military spokesman in Baghdad said Iraqi aircraft hit "a large naval target" south of Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal at 0830 GMT. He did not identify the vessel.

But the 11,367 gross tonne Hanlim Mariner said in a distress call just over half an hour after the reported attack that it had been hit by a missile and two crewmen were badly hurt. Marine salvage executives quoted by the Associated Press said one crewman was dead.

Some hours later the military spokesman in Baghdad said Iraqi warplanes had carried out another attack near Kharg Island and hit two more "naval targets" at 1252 GMT and 1254 GMT.

Again, the vessels were not identified and Gulf shipping sources could not immediately confirm the later attacks.

The Hanlim Mariner is a general cargo ship, owned by Han-Lim Shipping Co. Ltd. of Pusan, South Korea.

Shipping sources in Bahrain said salvage tugs had now reached the vessel, off the Iranian coast north of Qatar, and reported its engine room was badly damaged.

The Iraqi military spokesman said that "Iraqi eagles (air force pilots) scored direct and effective hits on the large naval target and returned safely to base."

The raid was in line with the Iraqi-imposed blockade on Iran's oil export ports, he said.

The spokesman threatened that "devastating blows will continue to fall on the heads of Iran's rulers every day until they accept peace."

The threat was interpreted here as a reiteration of Iraq's attempt to block Iranian oil exports.

The Hanlim Mariner, a general cargo vessel, is the second victim in two days of attacks on shipping in the 51-month-old Gulf war.

Gulf shipping sources said the 14,495-tonne Panamanian bulk carrier Topaz Express was hit Monday in the extreme northwest of the waterway near the Iranian port of Bandar Khomeini. It reported only slight damage.

Kreisky announces new initiative incorporating all peace proposals

JABAL ALI, United Arab Emirates (R) — Former Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky Tuesday announced a new peace initiative to solve the Palestinian problem and said he would visit Israel and the United States next month.

He told a press conference here he would rally support for his initiative from the international socialist and the European Community and visit Brussels in March for talks with community leaders and socialist parliamentarians.

Dr. Kreisky did not detail his proposals which he said he discussed with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat here last Friday.

"He was cautious but not opposed to it," he said.

A long-time supporter of the Palestinians' rights, Dr. Kreisky was leaving last Tuesday for talks in New Delhi with Indian leaders after a week-long visit to the United Arab Emirates.

He said the plan combined four earlier peace initiatives: The 1982 Arab League plan and Reagan plan, U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 and the Soviet Union's own proposals for an international conference.

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Joint committee teams to tour Arab countries

AMMAN (J.T.) — The joint Jordanian-Palestinian committee to support the steadfastness of the people of the occupied territories Tuesday decided to set up delegations to tour various Arab countries to secure financial assistance to the committee as provided for under resolutions adopted at the 1978 Baghdad Arab summit.

In a meeting held at the Ministry of Interior the committee also discussed ways and means to maintain its assistance to the people in the occupied territories to continue their resistance to the Israeli occupation, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

Interior Minister Suleiman Arar headed the Jordanian side to Tuesday's meeting, while Khalil Wazir, Deputy military commander of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), led the Palestinian side.

The committee meetings will continue Wednesday, Petra said. The Arabic daily Al Ra'i said Tuesday that the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), one of the factions in the PLO, was seeking to retain its representative in the committee.

The DFLP has requested the committee that Sajj Salameh Khalil may temporarily represent the front in the committee until the permanent representative, Saleh Rifa'i, who resides in Damascus, could come to Amman to attend the meetings, the newspaper said.

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Egypt wants strong army, defence minister says

CAIRO (R) — Defence Minister Field Marshal Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala said Tuesday Egypt wanted to build a strong army to prevent any aggression or threat to its security.

Egypt's aim was to build a strong defensive army, with its priorities geared towards "preventing aggression and any threat to its security by being able to foil and destroy and attack before it occurs", he said in written replies to questions submitted by Reuters.

Marshall Abu Ghazala said Egypt, which has 500,000 men under arms, had succeeded to a large extent in upgrading Soviet military hardware by using Western technology.

"The Soviet equipment has proved its effectiveness in many situations and countries," he said. "In using this equipment, we have always aimed at prolonging its life

through research and by using Western technology to enhance its fighting capacity."

The minister said earlier Egypt had upgraded the Soviet shoulder-fired SAM-7 missile and MIG-21 fighter aircraft, and Western military sources said the Soviet T-54 tank had been equipped with a 105mm gun to conform with the U.S. T-60 tank.

When the Egyptian President Anwar Sadat broke with Moscow in 1972 and expelled 17,000 Soviet military advisers, the Egyptian Armed Forces depended heavily on Soviet weapons and spare parts.

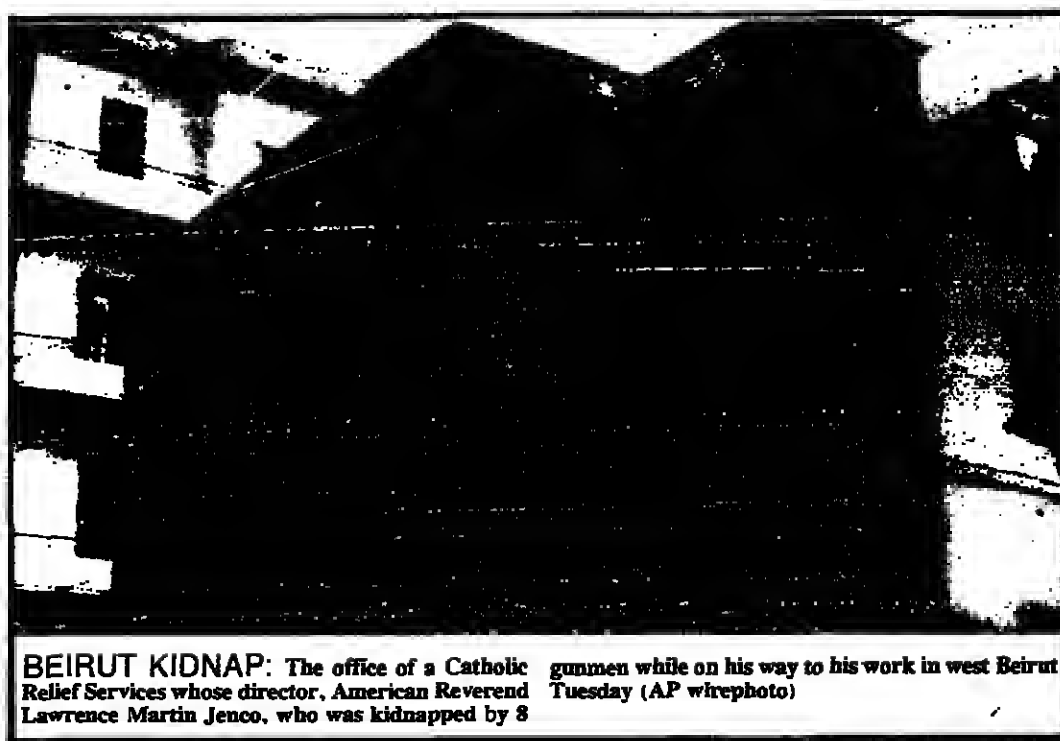
During the mid-seventies, Mr.

Sadat's courtship of Washington led to the U.S.-sponsored peace treaty with Israel and earned Egypt a large chunk of U.S. military and civil aid, making it the second largest world recipient of U.S. aid after Israel.

U.S. security assistance to Egypt since 1978 totals \$7 billion, according to U.S. embassy figures. Total military and civil aid last year was \$2.3 billion.

Following a policy of diversification, Egypt turned to the U.S., Britain, France and West Germany for new weapons but the armed forces are still largely dependent on Soviet arms.

Western diplomats say that with the resumption of full diplomatic relations between Cairo and Moscow last year, Soviet spare parts could start to trickle in, but they doubt Moscow would be eager to sell Egypt sophisticated equipment.



BEIRUT KIDNAP: The office of a Catholic Relief Services whose director, American Reverend Lawrence Martin Jenco, who was kidnapped by 8 gunmen while on his way to his work in west Beirut Tuesday (AP wirephoto)

Lebanon deploys security forces south of Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanese paramilitary forces Tuesday deployed 15 kilometres south from Beirut in preparation for an army move into militia-held hills just north of Israeli frontlines, security sources said.

Between 175 and 200 members of the Internal Security Force took up positions on the coastal road as far south as the town of Damour, replacing Shi'ite Muslim and Druze militia checkpoints, the sources said.

The regular army is due to deploy further south, from Beirut to Israeli lines at the Awali River, under a security plan to extend state authority and prepare for army control throughout South Lebanon if and when Israel withdraws.

The deployment followed agreement Tuesday among militia

and security force representatives on a committee reaching arguments among rival militias confronting each other in the Kharrub Hills north of the Awali.

The disputes have repeatedly delayed implementation of the plan, seen by Lebanon as vital for a negotiated end to Israel's two-and-a-half-year occupation.

An official Lebanese source meanwhile accused Israel of playing for time after Israel decided Tuesday not to attend Thursday's scheduled talks on a troop withdrawal at the Lebanese border town of Naqurah.

"They are playing for time," he told Reuters. "We are determined the negotiations should continue in a realistic climate, pending Israel's putting forward a timetable for withdrawal."

Turkish shipping magnate accuses official of bribery

ANKARA (R) — A wealthy Turkish shipping magnate has accused recently-resigned Minister of State Ismail Ozdaglar of bribery and has produced a tape recording as evidence, Justice Minister Necati Eldem has said.

He said in a statement published by the semi-official Anatolian News Agency that magnate Ugur Mengencioğlu had handed the tape to the government to back up his charge.

This had been passed to the Ankara public prosecutor, transcribed and handed to parliament which had begun moves for the lifting of Mr. Ozdaglar's parliamentary immunity, Mr. Eldem said.

Mr. Mengencioğlu owns Um Denizcilik Ve Nakliyat as of Istanbul, operator of a major merchant fleet including giant oil tankers.

Mr. Ozdaglar's resignation was announced last Saturday and the office of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said there was a serious corruption charge against him. Mr. Ozal said later he had asked Mr. Ozdaglar, 34, to step down.

Mr. Eldem said: "Information on a charge of bribery concerning former Minister of State Ismail Ozdaglar has been provided by shipping operator Ugur Mengencioğlu, head of the Um Firm."

Proceedings were under way in parliament for the lifting of Mr. Ozdaglar's immunity and for a parliamentary investigation, the justice minister said.

Asked by a journalist whether the tape recording was enough evidence against Mr. Ozdaglar, Mr. Eldem was quoted by the agency as saying: "That is a matter for the courts."

Turkish aide makes stopover in Greece

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Turkey's Deputy Premier, Kaya Erdem, made a 60-minute stopover at Athens Airport on his way to Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Erdem, flying from Ankara to Riyadh for an official visit to Saudi Arabia, was the first senior Turkish official to set foot in Greece since 1981.

"Regardless of political differences between Greece and Turkey, our two countries should have good economic relations," Mr. Erdem told reporters at the airport.

The Turkish official was greeted by a Greek diplomat from the Foreign Ministry's Protocol Department. No Greek government official was present.

Kyprianou to visit Athens, London

NICOSIA (R) — Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou will visit Athens and London on his way to a meeting with Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş in New York, official sources said Tuesday.

Mr. Kyprianou will fly to Greece on Saturday for talks with President Constantine Karamanlis and Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu. He will go on to London for a meeting with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on Monday afternoon, the officials said.

Mr. Kyprianou is due in New York next Tuesday for his first meeting with Mr. Denktaş in six years on Jan. 17. The two men will seek to end the division of the island by establishing a federal republic.

A senior Turkish-Cypriot official, meanwhile, said officials from the two sides had agreed to include five new points in an accord expected to be signed in New York.

Mr. Necati Munir Ertekin, who serves as foreign minister in the self-proclaimed Northern Cyprus Republic, told journalists the points were added at indirect talks he had in Geneva last week with Cyprus Foreign Ministry Director-General Andreas Mavromatis.

He said the points were: — A Federal Republic of Cyprus to be set up which will be independent, non-aligned, bi-zonal and bi-communal.

— The territory of the Federal Republic to comprise the territories of both federated states.

— Official languages to be Turkish and Greek.

— In addition to the federal flag, each federated state to have its own flag which may be hoisted on its national days.

— The federated states to have their own constitutions in addition to that of the federation.

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U.N. Gulf war mission assembles in Geneva

GENEVA (R) — A three-man United Nations mission assembled here Tuesday to prepare a trip to Iraq and Iran to investigate conditions of prisoners captured in the four-year-old Gulf war, a U.N. spokeswoman said.

The mission members — Professor Torken Opsahl of Norway, Maj.-Gen. Rafael Valle-Huerta of Venezuela and Professor Wolfgang Karl from Austria — will have private talks with officials of the International Red Cross Committee (ICRC).

The spokeswoman said the mis-

sion would go to Iraq on January 11 and to Iran one week later, and draft a report to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The team was set up last November following an incident in which a number of Iraqis were killed or wounded in an Iranian prisoner of war camp. Its departure was delayed because of a dispute over which country it should visit first.

During their stay in Geneva, the experts will also meet representatives from the Iraqi and Iranian governments.

Sharon: New report shows Time lied

NEW YORK (Agencies) — Former Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, who is suing Time magazine for \$50 million in a libel action, says a new report from Israel has proved that Time lied.

The judge hearing the case was expected to decide whether to admit into evidence the report received Monday from the chief Israeli judge who probed the 1982 massacre of Palestinians in two west Beirut refugee camps. This report disputes Time's account of Mr. Sharon's role.

Mr. Sharon claims Time defamed him by suggesting he discussed with pro-Israeli Falangist fighters the need to avenge the September 1982 assassination of Lebanese President-Elect Bashir Gemayel.

Former Israeli Supreme Court President Yitzhak Kahan said that a secret appendix to his report did

not indicate that Mr. Sharon discussed the need for revenge with Falangist leaders.

Before leaving Israel Monday for New York, a jubilant Sharon told reporters the new testimony "proves beyond any doubt Time magazine lied."

And in New York, his lawyer, Milton Gould said the report "confirms everything that we have said in this case."

Time issued a statement objecting to the limitations placed on examining the secret appendix, saying, "We have been denied potentially crucial information."

Mr. Gould said he expected Time to issue a retraction of its article, something it has said previously it would do if proved wrong.

The Israeli cabinet refused to allow the appendix to be produced

in court in New York. But it agreed the official who headed Israel's probe, Kahan, could give the court "yes" or "no" replies to three questions on its contents.

In a statement released Monday by Time Inc. Spokesman Michael Luftman, Time said it "objects strenuously to the limitations imposed in Sunday's examination of (the) documents."

"According to justice Kahan's letter to the attorney general of Israel," Time's statement said, "Zadok believed that the examination should include 'not only the testimony of the witnesses who appeared before the Kahan commission, but also the material gathered by the staff investigators for the commission, including the statements taken from persons who did not give testimony before the commission.'"

Iraq opens school for Iranian child prisoners of war

By Mohammad Salam
Associated Press

RAMADI PRISONERS CAMP, Iraq — "Dar, Khana, House," the five Iranian children repeated after their Iraqi teacher.

The children — all prisoners of war — were attending their first class Sunday at a school here sponsored by the Iraqi government and two Swiss humanitarian organizations.

The words Dar and Khana, are, respectively, Arabic and Farsi for house.

About 100 of the 874 children PoWs in this camp "voluntarily" joined the school, said Professor Mohammad Al Hajj Hammoud, an official of the Iraqi Foreign Ministry.

The school, he said, is the first of its kind in the world.

Prof. Hammoud, talking to foreign reporters at this prisoners camp 120 kilometres west of Baghdad said the students are divided into two sections.

The "general knowledge section" teaches Arabic, Farsi and English in addition to mathematics and biology. The other section trains the children in typing, weaving, medical services and painting, Prof. Hammoud said.

Prof. Hammoud said the Iraqi government proposed the idea last year. The school is housed in a six-room building inside the PoW

camp.

The Swiss humanitarian organizations, the Land Of Man and the Defence of Children (La Terre Des Hommes Et La Defense Des Enfants), buy the books and supplies and provide the teachers' salaries, he said.

Representatives of the two Swiss organizations will reside in the nearby town of Ramadi and "visit the school daily to supervise implementation of the programme," according to Prof. Hammoud.

Mohammad Golam Mohammad, 14, was the first among his classmates to learn how to write the words dar and khana, but house was "too difficult."

The pupils, as they are referred to by the Iraqi teachers, were dressed in green fatigues. Each had with him an Arabic-language reading book, a copy book and a pencil. Farsi and English words were written on the blackboard by the teacher and copied by the children.

Mohammad, speaking heavily accented Arabic, said he was captured by the Iraqis "three years ago in Ahwaz," the southern region of the 1,800-kilometre-long contested Iran-Iraq border.

"I learned to speak Arabic from the (Iraqi) soldiers, but this is the first time I've started learning how to write anything, even in Farsi," said Mohammad, who couldn't

write his name in any language.

Mohammad said he "never went to school before. I helped my father in the fields."

Most of the teachers are Iraqi citizens who have graduated from state universities. They studied Farsi during their compulsory military service and were later assigned by the army command to teach at the school.

The school, Prof. Hammoud said, aims at "teaching these poor human beings something useful. They became prisoners of war only because their country pushed them to this conflict."

"What is most important for us is that the child PoW shouldn't feel the psychological bitterness of imprisonment. These children should not cease hoping," Prof. Hammoud said.

Mohammad said he was free to move inside the camp, which is fenced in by barbed wire and surrounded by a chain of Iraqi army barracks. "But we are not allowed to go to the older prisoners' section."

Prof. Hammoud said adult prisoners also lived at the camp, but were separated from the children for "moral reasons" and in accordance with international conventions.

two sisters live in a southern Iranian village. "I receive letters from them through the (International Committee of the Red Cross) and I send them letters."

Red Cross representatives, he said, visit him once a month to "talk to me alone, give me letters and take letters."

Ali, who also spoke Arabic, said he went to school in Iran for five years. "Now I write my letters and I can read the letters I receive," he said.

Ali, like Mohammad, said he was treated well by his Iraqi captors. When asked why and how he was involved in the war, he only smiled.

Ali's new programme is "learning carpet weaving for one hour each day and other lessons for three hours, then we play football. The prisoners, also play volleyball, but I don't like it. I am better in football."

Israviil Terniapour, a 25-year-old regular Iranian soldier, is one of the few adult prisoners allowed to mix with the children.

Terniapour, the children's grocer, describes himself as "everybody's friend. The children come to me to buy many things. They all argue to pay less, although it is a fixed price, but they don't steal anything from the shop."

The small shop, on the edge of the camp's yard, sells a variety of

items including chocolate, refreshments, small combs, tooth paste, bread, butter and powdered milk. Such commodities are sold for 10 per cent less than the government-set prices.

The children and other prisoners are paid monthly salaries by the Iraqi government in accordance with the Geneva conventions, said the camp warden Col. Jaddouri Flaych, He refused to disclose any figures.

Terniapour, who was captured soon after the war broke out in Sept. 1980, said he received five or six letters a month from his relatives in Tehran.

He showed this correspondent a photograph containing pictures of his parents, three brothers and three sisters. "I received all these pictures by Red Cross mail in the camp."

Terniapour, who spoke Arabic better than other Iranian PoWs, said he went to school for nine years in Tehran, then worked as a taxi driver until after Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini came to power in 1979, then joined the army.

The prisoners were interviewed without interference from the Iraqi soldiers, who walked across the camp unarmed. Foreign reporters, who couldn't speak Arabic or Farsi, communicated with the children through the Iraqi army interpreters.

TV & RADIO

WHAT'S GOING ON

FOR THE TRAVELLER

USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.

JORDAN TELEVISION	BBC WORLD SERVICE
639, 720, 1413 KHz.	639, 720, 1413 KHz.
MAIN CHANNEL	06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 Waveguide Report 06:40 Book Choice 06:55 Reflections 07:00 World News 07:09 24 Hours: News Summary 07:30 What's New 07:45 The World Today 08:00 Newsdesk 08:30 Omnibus 08:00 World News 09:09 24 Hours: News Summary 09:30 Report on Religion 09:45 That's The Trade 10:00 World News 10:09 Reflections 10:15 Classical Record Review 10:30 Mailgram 11:00 World News 11:09 British Press Review 11:15 The World Today 12:00 Financial News 11:40 Look Ahead 11:45 Sackbut And Sinfonia 12:00 News Summary: Church and State 12:30 Jazz Score 12:00 World News 12:30 News about Britain 13:15 Putting Politics in its Place 13:30 Meridian 14:00 Radio Newsweek 14:15 Nature Notebook 14:35 The Farming World 14:45 Sports Round-up 15:00 World News 15:00 24 Hours: News Summary 15:30 From The Promenade: Concerts 16:00 News Summary: Outlook 16:45 Report on Religion 17:00 Radio Newsweek 17:15 Classical Guitar 17:30 Peter Clayton's Zodiac 18:00 World News 18:09 Commentary 18:15 Rock Salad 18:45 The World Today 19:00 World News 19:09 Monitor 19:25 New Ideas 19:35 Waveguide 19:45 Sports Round-up 20:00 Newsdesk 20:30 Top Twenty 21:00 Outlook 21:30 Stock Market Report 21:45 Good Books 22:00 World News 22:09 24 Hours: News Summary 22:30 Assignment 22:00 News Summary: U.K. Network 22:15 Album Time 23:05 Recording of the Week 24:00 World News: The World Today 06:25 Book Choice 06:30 Financial News 06:40 Reflections 06:45 Sports Round-up 01:00 World News: Commentary 01:15 Putting Politics in its Place 01:30 Top Twenty
17:00 Koran	
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17:35 Children's Programmes	
18:30 Sport	
19:30 Programme Review	
19:40 News Programme	
20:00 News in Arabic	
20:40 Arabic Series	
21:30 Tomorrow's Programmes	
21:40 Arabic Play	
22:00 News in Arabic	
22:10 Play Contd.	

FOREIGN CHANNEL
18:00 French Programme
19:00 News in French
19:15 French Programme
19:30 News in Hebrew
20:00 News in Arabic
20:30 Sound Magnificent: Beethoven
22:00 News in English
22:20 The Hotel

RADIO JORDAN
835 KHz. AM & 99 MHz. FM & partly on 9560 KHz. SW
07:00 Light Music
07:30 Newsdesk
08:00 Morning Show
10:00 News Summary
10:05 Morning Show
11:00 Pop Session
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13:05 Pop Session
14:00 News Bulletin
14:10 News Bulletin
14:30 Oh! Mother
15:00 News Summary
16:00 News Summary
16:05 Instrumentals
16:30 Old Favourites
17:00 Jordan Weekly
17:30 Pop Session
18:00 News Summary
18:05 Over a Cup of Tea
18:30 Music
19:00 Newsdesk
19:30 Evening Show
21:00 News Summary
21:05 Evening Show
22:00 News Summary
22:05 News Summary
22:30 News Headlines

VOICE OF AMERICA
MW 1260, SW 7200, 9565, 11740, 11925 & 15210 KHz.
06:00 VOA Morning News: Informal Presentation of Popular Music with Feature Reports, Interviews, Answers to Listeners' Questions, Science Digest, Sports News at 30 minutes past the hour. 17:00 News 17:10 Newsline 17:30 Music USA 18:00 News 18:10 Focus 18:30 Special English News and Features 19:00 News 19:10 Newsline 19:30 Magazine Show 20:00 News 20:10 Focus 20:30 Special English News and Features 21:00 Newsline America 21:30 Music USA 22:00 News and Editorial

TODAY'S EVENTS
* An art exhibition of oil paintings by Nawal Radi Al Abdulla at the Royal Cultural Centre (until Jan. 16).
* An exhibition of architectural engineering at Yarmouk University (until Jan. 9).
EXHIBITIONS
* "Berlin Champs-Élysées, fabre" (translated into English) at 8:00 p.m. at the Goethe Institute.
* "Arab Stereotypes in America" at Royal Cultural Centre, 8 p.m.
SERVICE CLUBS
Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.
Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amnmo Hotel, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 7:30 p.m.
CULTURAL CENTRES
Royal Cultural Centre - Tel. 6610267
American Centre 44371
American Centre library 41520
British Centre 36147-8
French Cultural Centre 37009
Goethe Institute 41993
Soviet Cultural Centre 44203
Spanish Cultural Centre 24049
Turkish Cultural Centre 39777
Haya Arts Centre 665195
Hussein Youth City 667181
Y.W.C.A. 41793
Y.W.M.C.A. 664251
Amman Municipal Library 36111
University of Jordan Library 843555

MUSEUMS
Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th in 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qaf (Cliff Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Lubdakh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.
Martyr's Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.
Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.

CHURCHES
St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, tel. 24590.
Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Lubdakh, 37440.
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, 661757.
Church of the Ascension (Greek Orthodox) Abdulla, 23541.
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, 41559.
Assiatic Catholic Church Ashrafieh, 771331.
Assiatic Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, 775261.
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, 771751.
Amman International Church (Inter-denominational) Centre at Southern Baptist School in Shuqbat, 816534.

PRAYER TIMES
06:00 Fair
06:32 (Sunrise) Duka
11:09 Dhulur
14:46 'Asr
17:07 Maghreb
18:30 Isha

AMMAN AIRPORT	MARITIME TRAFFIC
This information is supplied by Ali Information department at the Queen Alia International Airport. Tel. (08) 53200, where it should always be verified.	Regular-line ships docking at Aqaba port: - Aboudy - Artus - Lides - Kota Agung - Jolly Nero - Ville du Levant - Brega - Alekha Dundic - Kirkuk
ARRIVALS	EMERGENCIES
07:40 Karachi (PK) 08:30 Amman (RJ) 09:30 Amman (RJ) 10:30 Amman (RJ) 11:30 Amman (RJ) 12:30 Amman (RJ) 13:30 Amman (RJ) 14:30 Amman (RJ) 15:30 Amman (RJ) 16:30 Amman (RJ) 17:30 Amman (RJ) 18:30 Amman (RJ) 19:30 Amman (RJ) 20:30 Amman (RJ) 21:30 Amman (RJ) 22:30 Amman (RJ) 23:30 Amman (RJ) 24:30 Amman (RJ) 25:30 Amman (RJ) 26:30 Amman (RJ) 27:30 Amman (RJ) 28:30 Amman (RJ) 29:30 Amman (RJ) 30:30 Amman (RJ) 31:30 Amman (RJ) 32:30 Amman (RJ) 33:30 Amman (RJ) 34:30 Amman (RJ) 35:30 Amman (RJ) 36:30 Amman (RJ) 37:30 Amman (RJ) 38:30 Amman (RJ) 39:30 Amman (RJ) 40:30 Amman (RJ) 41:30 Amman (RJ) 42:30 Amman (RJ) 43:30 Amman (RJ) 44:30 Amman (RJ) 45:30 Amman (RJ) 46:30 Amman (RJ) 47:30 Amman (RJ) 48:30 Amman (RJ) 49:30 Amman (RJ) 50:30 Amman (RJ) 51:30 Amman (RJ) 52:30 Amman (RJ) 53:30 Amman (RJ) 54:30 Amman (RJ) 55:30 Amman (RJ) 56:30 Amman (RJ) 57:30 Amman (RJ) 58:30 Amman (RJ) 59:30 Amman (RJ) 60:30 Amman (RJ) 61:30 Amman (RJ) 62:30 Amman (RJ) 63:30 Amman (RJ) 64:30 Amman (RJ) 65:30 Amman (RJ) 66:30 Amman (RJ) 67:30 Amman (RJ) 68:30 Amman (RJ) 69:30 Amman (RJ) 70:30 Amman (RJ) 71:30 Amman (RJ) 72:30 Amman (RJ) 73:30 Amman (RJ) 74:30 Amman (RJ) 75:30 Amman (RJ) 76:30 Amman (RJ) 77:30 Amman (RJ) 78:30 Amman (RJ) 79:30 Amman (RJ) 80:30 Amman (RJ) 81:30 Amman (RJ) 82:30 Amman (RJ) 83:30 Amman (RJ) 84:30 Amman (RJ) 85:30 Amman (RJ) 86:30 Amman (RJ) 87:30 Amman (RJ) 88:30 Amman (RJ) 89:30 Amman (RJ) 90:30 Amman (RJ) 91:30 Amman (RJ) 92:30 Amman (RJ) 93:30 Amman (RJ) 94:30 Amman (RJ) 95:30 Amman (RJ) 96:30 Amman (RJ) 97:30 Amman (RJ) 98:30 Amman (RJ) 99:30 Amman (RJ) 100:30 Amman (RJ) 101:30 Amman (RJ) 102:30 Amman (RJ) 103:30 Amman (RJ) 104:30 Amman (RJ) 105:30 Amman (RJ) 106:30 Amman (RJ) 107:30 Amman (RJ) 108:30 Amman (RJ) 109:30 Amman (RJ) 110:30 Amman (RJ) 111:30 Amman (RJ) 112:30 Amman (RJ) 113:30 Amman (RJ) 114:30 Amman (RJ) 115:30 Amman (RJ) 116:30 Amman (RJ) 117:30 Amman (RJ) 118:30 Amman (RJ) 119:30 Amman (RJ) 120:30 Amman (RJ) 121:30 Amman (RJ) 122:30 Amman (RJ) 123:30 Amman (RJ) 124:30 Amman (RJ) 125:30 Amman (RJ) 126:30 Amman (RJ) 127:30 Amman (RJ) 128:30 Amman (RJ) 129:30 Amman (RJ) 130:30 Amman (RJ) 131:30 Amman (RJ) 132:30 Amman (RJ) 133:30 Amman (RJ) 134:30 Amman (RJ) 135:30 Amman (RJ)	

MONEY EXCHANGE	HOSPITALS
Local sell/buy rates in fils	Hussein Military Hospital .. 813812-32
Belgian franc 63.7/ 64.4	Khalidi Maternity, J. Amn .. 4428-4
Dutch guilder 114.2/ 114.9	Akheil Maternity, J. Amman .. 42441
Egyptian ginea 303.6/ 306.6	Jabal Amman Maternity 42362
French franc 42.1/ 42.4	Matbas, J. Amman 26140
Italian lire 344.3/ 352	Palestine Shmeisani 66417-1
Irak dinar (for 100) 20.7/ 20.9	Shmeisani Hospital 669131
Japanese yen (for 100) 159.6/ 160.5	University Hospital 848455
Korean dollar 1326.3/ 1332	Dr. Al-Sayid, J. Amn 667158
Lebanese lira 42.7/ 43.2	Al-Musharraf Hospital 66677-9
Omani rial 116.9/ 117.3	The Islamic Abdali 665292
Qatar riyal 111.7/ 113.6	Al-Ahli, Abdali 664184
Saudi riyal 113.2/ 113.6	Ishtai, Al-Mudhri 77101-3
Swedish crown 45.3/ 45.5	Al-Basim, Ashrafieh 6113-2
Swiss franc 154.2/ 155.1	Army, Marka 91611
Syrian lira 37.6/ 38.8	
U.A.E. dirham 110/ 110.5	
U.K. sterling pound 466.4/ 469.2	
U.S. dollar 406/ 407	
W. German mark 128.8/ 129.6	

DEPARTURES	WEATHER
06:30 Istanbul, Amsterdam (KLM)	Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.
06:50 Amman, Frankfurt (LH)	Medium and high clouds will be there with southwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.
07:00 Beirut (RJ)	
07:15 Amman (RJ)	
08:30 Amman (RJ)	
08:45 Abu Dhabi, Karachi (PK)	
09:00 Amman, Rome (Alitalia)	
11:20 Cairo (MS)	
12:00 Belgrade, London (RJ)	
12:40 Lahore, Zurich (SR)	
14:30 Doha, Abu Dhabi, Manama (PK)	
14:30 Amman, Cairo (RJ)	
15:40 Kuwait (RJ)	
16:40 Jeddah (SV)	
18:40 Baghdad (IA)	
19:40 Amman, Dhahran (RJ)	
20:00 Bahrain, Doha (RJ)	
20:15 Jeddah (RJ)	
20:30 Amman, Sana'a (YV)	
20:30 Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ)	
21:00 Cairo (RJ)	
21:00 Baghdad (RJ)	

MARKET PRICES	NIGHT DUTY
Upper/lower price in fils per kg.	AMMAN: Dr. Abbas Al Hakim 91256
Apple (double red) 230/ 180	
Apple (golden) 220/ 180	
Apple (crusket) 230/ 180	
Banana 280/ 240	
Banana (Mukammal) 240/ 210	
Beans 350/ 300	
Broad beans 720/ 680	
Carrots 120/ 90	
Chestnut 620/ 570	
Corn (yellow) 120/ 100	
Corn (black) 140/ 100	
Cornflower 200/ 160	
Cucumber (small) 200/ 160	
Cucumber (large) 380/ 340	
Eggplant 120/ 80	
Eggplant (small) 150/ 120	
Garlic 180/ 120	
Greenpeas 130/ 100	
Lemon 110/ 80	
Lettnce (per one) 120/ 90	
Maflow 320/ 280	
Mandarin 160/ 130	
Marrow (large) 120/ 100	
Marrow (small) 190/ 160	
Onion (dry) 130/ 100	
Onion (green) 130/ 100	
Okra 650/ 550	
'Oranges (Abu Surra) 220/ 160	
'Oranges (Shamouti) 190/ 150	
Parsley 80/ 80	
Pears (American) 450/ 480	
Potatoes (small) 370/ 320	
Potatoes (big green) 260/ 220	
Peppers (local) 200/ 160	
Radicash 90/ 60	
Spinach 120/ 90	
Tomatoes 200/ 140	
Turnip 120/ 90	

UTG wins \$150m deal for Chinese contracts

AMMAN (J.T.) — The United Trading Group (UTG) of Jordan has signed contracts worth about \$150 million with the government of the South Chinese province of Fujian, UTG Director-General Radwan Hajjar said, according to a Reuters report.

He said the three turnkey contracts included two power packs of three 75 megawatt gas turbines each, two hotel complexes worth \$30 million each and an international information centre for around \$22 million.

The latter project includes a hotel, office space and a computer centre to distribute commercial, cultural and other information to subscribers, Mr. Hajjar said.

He declined to specify the sources of supply and finance, saying he would do so next week when the supply contracts and financial packages were complete, Reuters added.

The United Trading Group (UTG) is a private limited company owned by Jordanians. It has 43 operational offices in 19 countries all over the world and is carrying out specialised projects in China, Thailand and Malaysia.

Among the different specialised projects that the company is implementing, UTG signed an agreement last July with the Ministry of Energy in China to construct and operate five nuclear power stations in different provinces of China.

The cost of this project is \$7 billion and the company is still studying the possibility of contracting with different European companies to supply the expertise needed to carry out such a sophisticated and technical project. According to the contract, UTG will hand over the five nuclear power stations to the Chinese government after ten years.

A report published recently in *Asiabanking's Export-Import Finance Review* questioned the validity of the contract arguing that the Chinese signatory was too junior an official to have the authority to sign such a document.

The report also pointed out that the crucial part of the UTG contract is the terms of finance. UTG and its financial advisors, Petra Bank, are seeking export credit from nuclear contractors. It is understood that the contract has specified an interest ceiling of only seven per cent and that the Peking-based Bank of China will not guarantee interest rates above the ceiling.

Nuclear contractors say that the seven per cent rate is far too low for projects that could take from six to ten years to complete. The situation is further complicated by Organisation for Economic and Cultural Development (OECD) regulations which fix rates on nuclear projects at one per cent above OECD standard rates which are 10.7 per cent for China, the article said.



KING VISITS AIR FORCE HQ: His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Jordanian Armed Forces, paid a visit Tuesday to the Royal Jordanian Air Force headquarters where he was received upon his arrival by His Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Al Hussein and the acting commander of the Royal Jordanian Air Force. Accompanying the King on his visit was the Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker.

Anani, Egyptians discuss bilateral trade

By Sa'ad G. Hattar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Minister of Industry and Trade Jawad Al Anani Tuesday met with an Egyptian delegation for promoting Egyptian exports to Arab countries who are currently in Amman to hold discussions with the private sector in order to increase bilateral trade exchange between private sectors in the two countries.

Egyptian Ministry of Economy and Foreign Trade counsellor Mokhtar Hashem Osman told the Jordan Times that the meeting discussed means of promoting trade exchange between the two countries, the feasibility of establishing mutual investment projects and how to respond to queries from the private sector in Jordan about the Egyptian investment law.

Later, the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce (FJCC) received the Egyptian delegation and discussed the rationalisation committee's role in Egyptian trade, land and maritime transport between the two countries.

Director of the Amman Chamber of Commerce Mohammad Tejani told the Jordan Times that the meeting was mainly about exchanging views on eliminating the obstacles facing Jordanian exports to Egypt. He said that rationalisation committee in Egypt does not permit importing goods similar to those produced in Egypt. The meeting also discussed the obstacles facing Jordanian exports in Egypt because they usually have to deliver their loads at the borders and are not permitted to drive inside Egypt, Mr. Tejani said.

He added that the Egyptian side showed great interest in the issues and promised to discuss them with Egyptian officials.

During the meeting we also reviewed the idea of organising a commodity sales week of Jordanian and Egyptian products in both countries, Mr. Tejani added.

Last month an Egyptian delegation visited Amman and signed the first phase for implementing the \$30 million bilateral trade agreement for the year 1985. The delegation visited Jordanian factories in order to choose 30 different industrial items as stipulated in the trade protocol which was signed earlier in Cairo.

The selected Jordanian items, due to be exported to Egypt, ranged from textile products, refrigerators and leather products to detergents and electric heaters. The agreement, which was signed right after the normalisation of full diplomatic relations between Egypt and Jordan last September, includes \$7.5 million worth of tax-exempted Jordanian goods exported to Egypt via Al Nasr Company, \$2.5 million goods which will be exported via the Jordanian Commerce Centre in Cairo while the other \$20 million will be open for various Egyptian private and public sector companies to import.

The trade protocol also comprised a "barter agreement" which allows for equal goods transaction between public sector export and import companies in both countries.

The agreement constituted a substantial quantitative shift in the history of bilateral economic and trade relations. The volume of trade between Egypt and Jordan prior to the breaking of bilateral relations in 1979 had never exceeded three to four million dollars, and it is hoped that the volume of trade between the two countries will reach \$150 million in the near future.

New measures for foodstuff processing to be introduced

AMMAN (Petra) — Additives being used in the processing and canning of foodstuffs and also in the packaging and storing of food have been found to be damaging to food properties if incorrectly used. As a result, the Ministry of Industry and Trade will supply food manufacturers with specifications and measures to be followed in the processing system, according to Salahuddin Taha, director of specifications and measurements at the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

He said that both the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation and the World Health Organisation conduct continuous tests and analysis on these additives to determine the safe amount that can be used in the processing of food. The additives are used to help preserve the food provided that they do not affect its properties or its taste, he said.

By adopting U.N. approved systems and standard specifications, Jordan will be introducing a very important measure in its food industry, and once these standards have been officially approved they will be passed on to various food industries to abide by, Mr. Taha said. This measure is being taken, he said, in order to protect the interests of the consumers and for public safety.

Zionist propaganda needs to be countered, delegation says

Media specialists seek to improve Arab image in U.S.

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Three Arab-American members of a U.S. media delegation, currently on a tour of the region, said here Tuesday that their visit, which included meetings with high-ranking officials in Arab countries, aims to "open channels of communication between the Arab World and Arab-American media activists in the U.S. to help correct the increasingly negative and hostile image of Arabs in the U.S."

Dr. Samir Ibrahim, chairman of the Detroit-based Arab American Media Society (AAMS) and a member of the visiting delegation, said the visit was also necessary to gain up to date information about the situation in the area.

"We know that people in the Arab World are very concerned about U.S.-Arab relations and the Arab image abroad," Dr. Ibrahim said. "That is why, we want them to know who we are, what we are doing and how we are doing it."

Dr. Ibrahim said the AAMS which produces a weekly radio show in Detroit, Michigan and has a one-hour daily show on a cable television channel in the city, is a non-profit cultural and educational multi-media organisation. It was established in 1980 by a group of Arab-American media specialists, academics and professionals.

"We feel there are mutual objectives shared between us and people in the Arab World and they see us as a vehicle to help improve their image," Dr. Ibrahim said in an interview with the Jordan Times. He said it was very difficult "to prove your credibility" when producing media

programmes affiliated with Arabs in the United States.

The radio show broadcast in Detroit, the fifth largest radio market in the U.S. is called "Arabesque." Regarding the cable television programme, the society plans to increase the programme's air time to 10 hours a week. "It helps solve problems between Arab-American and non-Arab Americans as well as promoting understanding among them in social and cultural fields," Dr. Ibrahim said.

However, Dr. Ibrahim pointed out, "we have to present our programmes in a completely different perspective and from an angle that the U.S. public can understand and respond to. You can translate language, but it is difficult to translate culture and traditions."

Dr. Ibrahim said "things are going worse" for the Arabs in the U.S. as a result of the Zionist and Israeli propaganda campaigns. In contrast, he said, the Arab World is not organised in a way that it could balance the situation. "The mechanisms are not set up to facilitate that," he said.

The society obtains its funds from individual contributions and

donations from non-governmental institutions and companies. In the U.S. the society is offered free air time on the local television and radio stations. "In the future we plan to expand to reach a national level," Dr. Ibrahim said.

In response to a question on the feasibility of Arab-Americans correcting the Arab image in the U.S. through buying media establishments there, Dr. Ibrahim said it would not be effective but on the contrary, "it would generate further hostility because of the anti-Arab negative atmosphere. We think it is essential for us to utilise the existing U.S. media institutions than go on buying them." He said because of the powerful Jewish lobby in the U.S., "anything Arab in a campaign would kill it."

The AAMS delegation in Amman which includes Dr. Nabeel Ibrahim, board of directors' member and Mr. Warren David, the AAMS executive director, arrived here after a tour of the area.

During their stay in Jordan, the delegation met with Royal Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Ministry of Information Under-Secretary Michel Hamarneh, editors of local newspapers, and Yarmouk University President Adnan Badran and other officials. They are expected to meet with Information Minister Laith Sharaf Wednesday prior to their departure on Thursday.

On Wednesday, the group is organising in cooperation with the Ministry of Information, an audio slide show entitled "Arab Stereotypes in America" to be presented at 8 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cabinet forms information talks team

AMMAN (Petra) — The cabinet Tuesday formed Jordan's delegation to go to Riyadh for talks with Saudi Arabian officials on information cooperation between Jordan and Saudi Arabia. The delegation, which is to be led by Radio Jordan Director Nasoub Al Majali, includes three members representing the Ministry of Information and Radio Jordan and Television.

Zalzala, envoys discuss Amman meeting

TUNISIA (Petra) — Issues related to the meetings of the Arab committee for the boycott of Israel, scheduled to be held in Amman on Jan. 18, were discussed in a meeting here Tuesday between the Jordanian ambassador to Tunisia and Jordan's permanent envoy to the Arab League Nabih Al Nimr and the Arab League assistant secretary general for economic affairs, Dr. Abdul Muhsen Zalzala. The committee, formed by the Arab League's council, will discuss all issues related to supporting the steadfastness of Arab citizens in the occupied Arab territories.

Yarmouk, agency review nuclear physics

IRBID (Petra) — Cooperation between Yarmouk University and the French Atomic Agency in nuclear physics was discussed at a meeting by officials from the two sides here Tuesday. The talks were conducted by a French team led by the agency's acting director who is now on a visit to Jordan and Dr. Marwan Kamal, acting president of Yarmouk University. The French team was briefed on the programmes of the physics department and laboratory work.

BPWC office provides social, legal advice for working women

By Simonetta Carr
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Being a woman in a developing country is not an easy position. While the changes in lifestyle, economical factors and higher levels of education for all bring more and more women into the workforce, traditional values and family structures still hold a preeminent place in women's lives. How to combine the two without unnecessary traumas to the women and their families has become an increasing matter of concern.

Mrs. Butheineh Jardaneh, who has worked in the past as director of the Women's Department at the Ministry of Social Development and who has established and directed the Princess Alia Commercial College in Shmisan, is sharing this concern and trying to find solutions as the consultative office director for the Business and Professional Women's Club BPWC in Jabal Lweibdeh.

"A study conducted by the BPWC to assess the need for such a consultative office showed that the need was urgent," she told the Jordan Times. "Women who work outside the home find themselves with double or triple work, since the workload at home is rarely shared. Such a pressure is reflected in many psychological and legal problems to which they often don't know how to relate. They need professional advice, but often don't know where to find it," Mrs. Jardaneh added.

The Consultative Office, which started last July, has a very limited staff at the present with Mrs. Jardaneh acting as a secretary, a lawyer and a family consultant. "We have volunteer workers as well," she said, "but they don't feel as much of a part of the office as full-time workers. We definitely need to hire more personnel."

One reason for the delay in meeting this need is their limited budget. Although the Ministry of Social Development, the General Union of Voluntary Societies and many individuals give some help,

the financial need is still present, she explained.

Legal, social objectives

The consultative office has both legal and socio-psychological objectives. Legally, the office aims at enlightening women on their legal rights within the Jordanian legislation. At the same time, it tries hard to influence decisions made in this field and to bring improvements in the development of new legislation.

Socially, the office aims to support women in their family roles. "Jordanian women are more educated now, and compulsory education has levelled differences between social classes and sexes," Mrs. Jardaneh said. "Doors are now open for women to work in any job and there is a need for more women workers in this country. While the number of working women is rapidly increasing, the total female workforce is only 14 per cent at present. We know women have so much to contribute to our society and we do encourage them to work," she added.

"At the same time," Mrs. Butheineh continued, "we don't want them to neglect their role as mothers and housewives. Those duties come first. We encourage work as a means to express themselves and to contribute to the country according to their family situation. We also encourage it as a means of raising their standards of living within their families. But we want them to keep these objectives and the priorities very clear," she pointed out.

Islam, women's rights

"We also enlighten women and men alike on their rights in Islam which doesn't differentiate between sexes. Education is compulsory according to Islam, men must help their wives at homes, they must deal quietly and patiently with problems within the home, discuss any problem with their wives and children, and allow women and girls to study and work. According to Jordanian



Butheineh Jardaneh

law, man and woman are equal in theory, but sometimes we still have to work on the practice," she said.

The Consultative Office has now received and counselled 192 women, 55 of which are holders of high school or typing and telecommunication certificates, 56 are university graduates and 55 are seeking part-time jobs to do at home, such as handicrafts, sewing and embroidery.

"On the January 10th", Mrs. Jardaneh said, we will start courses in flowermaking using cloth, copper or ceramics. We are also planning other courses to train women on different skills in order to give them an opportunity to raise their income. This project, under the name of "Project for Productive Families", also gives a chance to women, who feel useless at home, to increase their productivity and to express their abilities without the need of a higher education, she said.

There are about 60 women from slum areas doing embroidery, work, crocheting, making flowers and dresses. An exhibition will be held for shop owners and other interested people. The products with the greatest demand will then be commissioned on regular basis. The office will provide materials for the women and find a market for their products.

Lectures, seminars

Besides their consultancy work, the office also organises lectures and seminars on subjects concerning women, such as health, nutrition, family problems and relations, childcare and psychological problems of youth.

In December, a seminar on "The Phenomenon of Divorce in Jordan" was held on a study on the subject made especially for the Consultative Office. A one-day seminar will be held on Jan. 28th on university or college female graduates who are to enter the workforce of the country. It will consider what opportunities are open to them such as jobs or voluntary work. Besides this general subject, the various participants will present papers on specific issues, such as standards of women's achievements to be presented by the Civil Employment Board, common relationships between education and industry development by the Ministry of Education, effects of the higher education on the human force and on its developing role by the Higher Education Council, the role of the specialisation in community colleges to serve the society and the students' demands, and relations between university specialisations and the needs of the local development and of Arab development by the Ministry of Education, affecting factors on the demand of educated forces by the Ministry of Planning and common relationships between education and agricultural development by the Ministry of Agriculture. The Ministry of Labour and Social Development will also contribute with a paper on job opportunities for graduates.

More seminars on divorce are also being held all through the country since, as Mrs. Jardaneh said, "this is now a general problem." Since its start in July, the Consultative Office has held 35 talks in different areas. The last one was held in Salt on the role of women in the community and why they are the ones who usually get all the blame.

Several of the studies made by the office have been printed in brochure form on subjects such as divorce and family law. Mrs. Jardaneh said that she has also printed a booklet on the role of women in industry, trade and agriculture and is now preparing a book on the role of women in society.

The Consultative Office is also having regular talks on radio, and is preparing a family programme for Jordan Television. The office is also working on finding job opportunities for women in coordination with the Ministry of Labour and different sectors.

Language courses

Courses are also being prepared to teach Arabic to foreign women and English to Arabic-speakers. A training course on public relations for women working in different sectors is also being planned.

In spite of this tremendous workload, Mrs. Jardaneh said that there is much more to be done. "We need to work more with women in rural areas," she said. The office staff have visited industries and had talks with the labourers there. "I feel happy when I can solve many of the problems facing women," Mrs. Jardaneh said. "We have prevented divorce for many of them, solved many inheritance problems, many quarrels. I believe this office will continue to achieve many of its goals," she concluded.

The Consultative Office is a part of the Business and Professional Women's Club, a voluntary organisation which is member of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women. In Jordan, it has branches in Amman, Madaba and Karak and was established in 1976 with Her Majesty Queen Noor as the honorary president.

The club has 100 members in Jordan, many of who contribute actively to the Consultative Office's activities and offer their voluntary services as lawyers, physicians, psychiatrists and social workers.

Widespread benefits

Dr. Haddadin said that the Deir Alla-Amman project entails drawing off water from the Yarmouk River to the East Ghor Canal in

Pumping stations

He said that JVA will build five pumping stations along the pipeline from Deir Alla to Zay to pump the East Ghor Canal water from Deir Alla to main towers situated at Swelleh and Wadi Seer.

Landscapes which capture the literal identity, aspects of a changing Jordan

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — At the Royal Cultural Centre this week, within a labyrinth of stands, that echo the winding alleyways of her Arab city scenes, is an exhibition of the paintings by Nawal Radi Abdullah.

As you make your way through the maze that fills the centre of the hall, you are led through a series of different landscapes — through haunted cityscapes, through literal renditions of Jordan's unparalleled beauty, through landscapes that hover between the real and the imaginary and by the end of the journey you are left with an understanding of the artists development both of herself and of her theme.

Imaginary cityscapes

Abdullah's earliest works are her imaginary cityscapes which, although full of fantasy, are nevertheless based on real elements of old Arab cities. In bold, thick colours Abdullah has built up the complex grids, the network of lines that define and differentiate the rising mass of buildings. Inviting you into their seemingly impenetrable alleyways is a door in an empty wall, an arched entrance in a crumbling facade of stones. But more often than not your journey is arrested by a spectral figure rising from nothing that stands by the roadside, rebuking you with reproachful eyes.

Gradually these busy towns with their ghostly occupants melt into deserted villages whose crumbling walls shimmer in pale ra-



Her Highness Princess Sarvath inaugurates an art exhibition of landscapes by artist Nawal Radi Abdullah (Petra's photo)

inspant colours. Leading the eye up to their hilltop locations are winding disused paths littered with boulders and checked with encroaching patches of spiky grasses.

Although highly reminiscent of some of Jordan's northern villages, they are still not real for they encompass, within their patchwork, many domes, minarets and arched windows — the familiar and now overworked vocabulary of Islamic architecture — which the artist has perhaps used to convey a stronger sense of their identity. These scenes, which range from almost abstract washes of the palest pastel shades to detailed drawings of courtyards and trees, are however full of pleasing touches — like the way the individual stones in the old walls are hinted at by blocky brushstrokes of very slightly different tones or in the way the sprawling bushes are made up of a hundred spots of harmonising hues.

Changing aspects

Finally Abdullah went onto to paint Jordan as it really is, often capturing its changing aspects — its mass of subtle colours, its flat topped mountains with the horizontal strata — to perfection whilst still maintaining that feeling of isolation, desolation and emptiness that characterises all her work. These feelings are most striking in her paintings of the bedouin tent which she has caught as you so often see them — empty of people, alone in a wide open space that stretches devoid of everything, even of trees, up to the foot of the distant purple mountains, the only indication of habitation being some colourful washing hung up to dry on one of the tent's guide ropes.

Although Abdullah's theme is one many artists have sought to portray there is a sincerity, an honesty as well as a true ability in her work, that sets her paintings apart.

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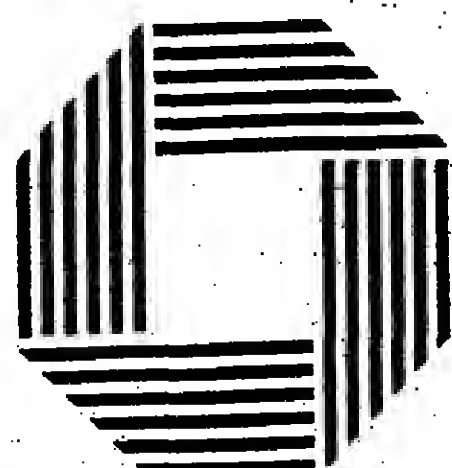
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Rinaldi upsets Kohde in Washington women's tennis

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Sixth-seeded Claudia Kohde-Kilsh of West Germany lost to American Kathy Rinaldi 7-5, 6-7, 6-1 in the opening round of the \$150,000 Washington Women's Indoor Tennis Championships Monday night.

Seventh-seeded Zina Garrison of the United States fared better, advancing to the tournament's second round with an impressive 7-5, 6-3 win over fellow countrywoman Ann Henricksson.

Rinaldi played a patient baseline game throughout her grueling match, keeping pace through the first two sets with the West German, number eight in world rankings.

After dropping a close first set, Kohde-Kilsh rallied to force a second set tie-breaker, which she won narrowly, 9-7, on a pair of unforced errors by Rinaldi.

But the final set went Rinaldi's way as she scored consistently with passing and forehand shots. Garrison, ranked ninth in the world on the Women's Tennis Association computer, played a sloppy match against the unseeded Henricksson, but she eventually won because of her aggressive play and fewer unforced errors.

In the final match of the evening, unseeded Pam Casale defeated fellow-American Terry Phelps 6-1, 6-4 to qualify for the tournament's second round.

Martina Navratilova, the queen of the tennis courts, hopes to continue her reign as the world's top-ranked woman player for at least another two or three years.

"I always said I would play until I was 30 and now I am getting close," the 28-year-old, Czechoslovakian born left-hander said Monday.

The top-ranking player on the women's tour for the past three years, Navratilova admitted she no longer feels the need or desire to push for the top spot.

"I have a few more years left but it is getting harder and harder to get out of bed. There are different levels of work. At the end of '81

and '82 I worked very hard, never taking a day off. I was always running track or playing basketball. I have tapered off but I still enjoy tennis," she said.

Navratilova's comments came prior to the start of the Virginia Slims Tennis Tournament. It is her first tournament since losing in December in the semifinals of Australian Open to Helena Sukova.

The loss ended her record singles winning streak at 74 matches. Reflecting on the loss, Navratilova said Monday: "I came out of it like a race car driver who has to put the pieces together — emotionally — after a crash. It took a lot of pressure off and made for a more relaxing Christmas. It also let me put the year into the drawer and make a fresh start."

Navratilova used the layoff for some skiing in Aspen, Colorado. Navratilova, who is seeded No. 1 here, is scheduled to play her first-round match on Wednesday against Andrea Leand.

The eight-day tournament, which features Sukova and Helena Mandlikova, the only other player to beat Navratilova last year, ends next Monday with the winner taking home \$28,000.

ATP names Borg Player of the Decade

NEW YORK (R) — Bjorn Borg has been named Player of the Decade and John McEnroe Player of the Year by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).

Borg finished ahead of McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, and Ivan Lendl in the voting.

The Swede, winner of five Wimbledon and six French Open titles, won five Player of the Year awards between 1976 and 1980. McEnroe took the honour in 1981 and 1983.

McEnroe and Peter Fleming were named doubles team of the year for the third time, while American Robert Green was elected newcomer of the year.

Green, who reached the fourth round of last year's U.S. Open as a qualifier, rose from 369th to 40th in the world rankings during 1984.

Curry to defend WBA title

LONDON (AP) — America's Donald Curry flew into Britain on Monday to defend his World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight crown against Colin Jones on Jan. 19 and said he would do to the Welshman "whatever it takes to win."

"I'm under a lot of pressure to win big," said Curry. "I aim to prove I'm a better fighter than Milton McCrory and to do that, I have to beat Jones more easily than he did."

McCrory, who holds the World Boxing Council (WBC) version of the welterweight title, had two memorable fights with Jones in 1983, drawing in Reno, Nev., and winning the rematch on a split decision.

Curry's handlers claimed Monday that McCrory had ducked every attempt promoters had made to unite the title.

"I've never rated McCrory as a fighter," said 22-year-old Curry, nicknamed the "Cobra" because of his snake-like jab and rated one of the world's finest pound-for-pound fighters.

"I think I'm the best welterweight in the world and if Jones wants to be world champion, I'd say he's taken on the wrong man."

The fight, the first WBA championship to be staged in Britain, takes place at Birmingham's National Exhibition Center and is already an 11,500 sellout.

Depleted U.S. team chosen for world indoor athletics

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (R) — Sprinters Sam Graddy and Mel Lattany and women's hurdler Stephanie Hightower head a relatively unimpressive United States team for the World Indoor Games in Paris on January 18 and 19.

The squad of 13 men and 11 women also includes women's sprinters Chandra Cheeseborough and Jeanette Bolden, women's long jumper Angie Thacker, hurdler Pam Page and shot putters Carol Cady and Ramona Pagel.

But Carl Lewis and other top U.S. athletes from the Los Angeles Olympics were missing from the squad, announced Monday. Many others, including Mary Decker and triple gold medalist Valerie Brisco-Hooks, have opted for an invitation event in Los Angeles on January 18.

Because of the unavailability of top competitors in many events, the U.S. team will not be represented in the men's and women's middle distance categories or three other traditionally strong U.S. men's disciplines — long jump, high jump and shot.

The best Americans will not be present in the men's 400 metres, 110 metres hurdles, triple jump, pole vault, and the women's high and long jumps either.

"One of the problems was that the meet is so early," said Pete Cava, information director for The Athletics Congress, governing body for athletics in the U.S. "I don't think many people are in shape."

But he added: "This team will hold its own."

Graddy, who tackles the 60

metres, finished second to Lattany in the 100 metres in Los Angeles and was a member of the world record-breaking U.S. 4x100 metres relay team.

Cheeseborough won a 400-metre silver medal behind Brisco-Hooks and was in the U.S. gold medal-winning women's relay teams. Bolden was also involved in the 4x100 metres relay triumph.

Lattany ran the fastest 100 metres in the world outdoors last year — 9.99 seconds.

Hightower has dominated the indoor hurdles in the United States for the past two seasons but failed to qualify for the American Olympic team.

Another team member, Diane Dixon, is the U.S. indoor record holder in the women's 400 metres.

Cuban president expresses outrage over Pan American Games venue

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Cuban President Fidel Castro has expressed his outrage to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) over the decision of regional officials to hold the 1987 Pan American Games in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"With this action, the true Olympic spirit has disappeared from the Pan American contest, in favour of the financial resources and political pressures of the United States," Castro wrote to Juan Antonio Samaranch, the Spanish president of the IOC.

The letter, written in mid-December, was obtained Sunday by the Associated Press.

Castro criticised Mario Vazquez Rana, President of the Mexican Olympic Committee, for his "obscure compromises" with Indianapolis.

The games were originally scheduled for Chile, but that South American nation surrendered its rights because of financial problems. Castro said Cuba had offered to host the games, but was ignored by the Pan American Committee headed by Vasquez Rana.

Cuba first asked to host the games after it hosted the 1982 Central American Games, Castro said, and repeated its request during the 1983 Pan American Games in Caracas, Venezuela.

He complained that the Pan American officials didn't show up for a planned meeting in Cuba, and that Vasquez Rana made secret agreements with Indianapolis.

"Cuba was in this way cheated of its aspirations to be the alternative site," Castro wrote.

Vasquez Rana, in Puerto Rico last week, said the meeting was cancelled because the officials were "disgusted" by Cuba's boycott of the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. He noted Cuba was the only Pan American member to boycott the games.

Game 39 drawn

MOSCOW (R) — World chess champion Anatoly Karpov needed only one hour Tuesday to choose a draw in game 39 of his title defence against Garry Kasparov.

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Vietnamese overrun main Kampuchean rebel base

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand (Agencies) — Out-gunned Kampuchean guerrillas gave up Tuesday in the second day of an overwhelming Vietnamese assault on their headquarters and pulled out of the beleaguered Ampil refugee camp, hoping to regroup for later battles.

Fighters of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) were ordered at 11 a.m. (0400 GMT) to withdraw "to keep the KPNLF troops intact for further struggle," a statement from the resistance said.

The KPNLF high command ordered a tactical withdrawal from an undisclosed location, aimed at "carrying out a more successful guerrilla struggle," the statement said.

Since the KPNLF fighters at Ampil had their backs against the Thai border, it was assumed they moved into Thai territory.

Senior Thai generals earlier had confirmed that the KPNLF had little hope of turning the tide. The initial Vietnamese onslaught Monday seemed to decide the battle and the defenders never regained the initiative.

"Ampil has fallen. It fell yesterday," Thai Armed Forces Commander Gen. Arthit Kamlang-Ek told reporters Tuesday.

Kampuchean commanders said guerrillas fought Vietnamese troops

hand-to-hand after Ampil's defence lines were overrun by tanks.

The KPNLF, led by former Kampuchean Prime Minister Son Sann, is a partner with the Khmer Rouge and supporters of Prince Norodom Sihanouk which the United Nations recognises as the legitimate government of Kampuchea.

The Vietnamese have mounted dry season offensives against their bases along the Thai-Kampuchean border every year since 1979, when Hanoi's forces ousted the Khmer Rouge government in Phnom Penh.

Western analysts estimate Hanoi has between 160,000 and 180,000 troops in Kampuchea in support of the Heng Samrin government.

Thai plane shot down

A Thai fighter plane was shot down Tuesday while taking part in an attack against intruding Vietnamese troops in north east Thailand, the official Thai news agency reported.

The agency quoted Armed Forces Supreme Commander General Arthit Kamlang-Ek as saying the incident took place over Buriram province near the Kampuchean border, where he said fighting between Thai and Vietnamese troops was continuing.

An army spokesman told reporters the A-37 aircraft was on a combat mission over Thai territory and one pilot ejected safely but the other was missing and believed killed.

Gen. Arthit did not indicate whether the aircraft was shot down by the intruding force or by Vietnamese troops inside Kampuchea.

He said the attack took place about 100 kilometres north of Ampil. Thai ground and air forces were now trying to dislodge the Vietnamese intruders from their territory, he added.

Thailand had protested to the United Nations over recent incursions and cross-border fighting by Vietnamese troops.

Gen. Arthit said three Thai soldiers were wounded when Vietnamese artillery shells hit Thai soil. He did not say where the shells were fired from or where they had landed.

Army officials earlier said Thai troops had been battling about two companies or 120 Vietnamese soldiers who crossed into the border district of Namyeun, Ubon

Ratchathani province, some 200 kilometres east of Buriram, a few days ago.

Radio Hanoi, monitored in Bangkok, said Tuesday the Hanoi government had handed a note to the United Nations rejecting the Thai allegation that Vietnamese forces had crossed the border into Thai territory.

Meanwhile Western military sources said Tuesday the Soviet Navy is expected to deploy a huge nuclear-powered battlecruiser, more than twice the size of an American cruiser, to the Far East shortly.

They told Reuters the ship, armed with a variety of guns, torpedoes, anti-submarine rockets and anti-aircraft and anti-ship missiles, was likely to come to the Pacific via the Indian Ocean sometime this year.

They identified the ship as the Frunze, at 24,000 tonnes more than twice the size of the newest American cruiser, the 9,500-tonne Ticonderoga.

The Soviet Navy is the only force to have such a class of ship, the largest surface combatant other than an aircraft carrier made since the World War II.

The U.S. Navy has to refurbish World War II battleships in service which are heavier than the Frunze, but they are not nuclear-powered and do not have such a variety of weapons.



POPE MEETS IFAD CHIEF: Pope John Paul II with International Food and Agricultural Development (IFAD) President Ibrahim Jazairy during their meeting Monday (AP wirephoto)

French press divided on Pisani plan

PARIS (R) — Right-wing French newspapers Tuesday sharply attacked a plan for the independence of New Caledonia presented by special envoy Edgar Pisani, but his draft won praise on the left.

Mr. Pisani Monday proposed a referendum in July asking the 75,000 voters if they wanted independence. If the answer were "yes", sovereignty would pass to New Caledonia, and independence would take place on Jan. 1 next year.

The conservative Le Quotidien slammed Mr. Pisani's plan as "scandalous". It sought to impose independence against the will of the majority of the population, the newspaper said.

"This plan is a crime against truth. There is no majority in New Caledonia in favour of independence. The Socialist government states the opposite. It is fabricating independence. It is imposing it."

Le Quotidien accused the Socialist government of blackmailing French residents of New Caledonia with the threat of disorder if they did not vote for independence.

The right-wing Le Figaro said Mr. Pisani's address was skillful, but aimed at getting rid of the territory at all costs, against the wishes of a majority of its inhabitants.

There would be nothing to stop an independent New Caledonia dropping its proposed association with France in favour of ties with the Soviet Union, Cuba or Libya, Le Figaro leader Alain Peyrefitte said.

The Pisani plan would lead to demands for the independence of French Polynesia, the French Antilles, Guiana, Reunion, Corsica, the Basque country and Brittany, he said.

The left-wing Le Matin, sympathetic to the government, said Mr. Pisani's plan was an attempt to reconcile the communities in New Caledonia which might be described as "too good to be true."

Le Matin's editor Guy Claisse said the plan involved a risk for the European Community, but that Mr. Pisani was gambling on the settlers realising that maintaining the status quo in New Caledonia would be even riskier.

Filipino military leader to be indicted, report says

MANILA, Philippines (Agencies) — A special prosecuting panel is recommending that Armed Forces Chief Gen. Fabian Ver and 25 other people each be indicted on two counts of murder in the deaths of opposition leader Benigno Aquino and the man once alleged to be his assassin, a Manila newspaper reported Tuesday.

The opposition Pahayagang Malaya (free press) quoted an unidentified member as saying the three-man panel's report first has to be approved by the Ombudsman, Bernardo Fernandez, before an indictment is formally made in court.

Mr. Fernandez created the panel to evaluate evidence gathered by a fact-finding board on the Aug. 21, 1983, assassination, and see if enough evidence exists to bring the case to trial.

After 10 months of public hearings, the fact-finding board concluded last October that Sen. Aquino was not killed by alleged Communist agent Rolando Galman, as the military had claimed, but by a soldier in an alleged military conspiracy involving Gen. Ver, 24 other military men and a civilian.

Gen. Ver, granted an indefinite leave of absence by President Ferdinand Marcos, and the others have denied the charges.

Pahayagang Malaya quoted its source as saying the panel "virtually adopted" the board's majority conclusion regarding Gen. Ver's alleged involvement in the

killings.

"We will certainly not say that the assassin was Galman," the source added, according to the newspaper. It gave no other details.

The Deputy Ombudsman, Manuel Herrera, who heads the special panel, was not in his office and could not be reached immediately for comment.

Meanwhile Acting Philippine Armed Forces Chief Lt. Gen. Fidel Ramos said Tuesday he would have talks with opposition leaders on security for the return this month of an opponent of President Marcos.

He told reporters he had received a letter from former Education Secretary Alejandro Roces asking for security for Liberal Party President Jovito Salonga, who is due to return to Manila on Jan. 21 after almost four years' voluntary exile in the United States.

Gen. Ramos said he would have talks with opposition leaders on Thursday on measures to ensure the former senator's safety.

Leaders of the Liberal Party told reporters on Saturday they were taking steps to prevent "a repetition of what happened to opposition leader Benigno Aquino."

Mr. Salonga, 62, went to the United States in March 1981 for medical treatment as a result of severe injuries suffered ten years earlier when two grenades exploded at a party rally.

U.S. ties with Greece cannot be one-sided

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs Richard Burt warned in an interview with a conservative Athens daily that Greek-American relations "can't be a one-way friendship."

Mr. Burt said in the interview with Vrachyni (evening) that the United States valued its ties with Greece but did not impose its friendship on any country.

Greek-American relations have been strained since Socialist Premier Andreas Papandreu came to power three years ago on an anti-American platform.

Although Mr. Papandreu has taken no practical steps to loosen Greek ties with NATO and the West, his rhetorical outbursts against the United States have angered State Department officials.

"To cultivate good relations, there must be a spirit of reciprocity and an estimation of mutual benefits as long-term allies and friends," Mr. Burt told Vrachyni. Mr. Burt stressed Greece's strategic importance to NATO, saying: "A Warsaw Pact attack against Greek territory would have very bad consequences for the alliance."

He pointed out that on the alliance's southern flank, Greece and Turkey are outnumbered almost three-to-one by Warsaw Pact tanks and artillery.

Mr. Papandreu is currently developing a new strategic doctrine for Greece which will reflect the Socialist conviction that Turkey is a greater threat to Greek security than the Warsaw Pact.

Mr. Burt also said that the creation of nuclear-free zones in Europe would weaken Western security and increase the threat of war.

Mr. Papandreu, who opposed deployment of U.S.-made cruise and Pershing II missiles in Western Europe, hopes to eventually transform the Balkan countries into a nuclear-free zone.

Zaccaro pleads guilty to two charges of fraud

NEW YORK (R) — A financial row that dogged Democratic vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro throughout her campaign last year ended with her husband pleading guilty to two charges of fraud.

Under a deal struck with prosecutors Monday in New York state supreme court, real estate developer John Zaccaro avoided a one-year jail term by admitting two of three charges involving a client's planned \$15.5 million purchase of five apartment buildings.

Sentencing is set for Feb. 20. He could be fined up to \$5,000 and placed on probation for up to one year.

His plea drew praise from his wife, who said she was proud he admitted his mistake. "These events do nothing to change him in the eyes of his family and friends. We love him very much," Ms. Ferraro said.

Mr. Zaccaro, upset at the scrutiny of his finances during his wife's campaign, said he felt he could win the case but decided on the guilty plea, "to spare my fam-

ily the publicity ... and to try to return to a private life."

"John tried to help a client," Ms. Ferraro said in a statement. "and in doing so committed judgmental error."

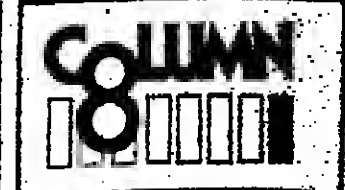
Mr. Zaccaro pleaded guilty to altering a copy of an appraisal of the buildings and to over-estimating his own net worth on applications to aid his client by \$17 million.

A third charge that he falsely submitted an inflated contract of sale for the buildings to obtain a bigger mortgage loan for his client was dropped as part of the plea bargain reached with prosecutors.

According to Mr. Zaccaro's lawyer, neither his wife nor three children went with him to court Monday because Mr. Zaccaro wanted to face his ordeal alone.

As Democrat Walter Mondale's running mate, Ms. Ferraro was the nation's first woman vice-presidential candidate for a major party and her husband's finances came under intense scrutiny.

Both charges that Mr. Zaccaro pleaded guilty were misdemeanors rather than felonies.



Joking rabbi sacked from synagogue

LONDON (R) — London Rabbi Clifford Cohen cracked jokes in the synagogue but his congregation did not find them funny and sacked him. Cohen, 36, who began a claim for unfair dismissal Monday, was sacked last February from his job at the Southgate Progressive Synagogue where he was rabbi for nine years. An industrial tribunal heard that he told a boy, during his Barmitzva: "As you go through life you will learn several things about this, that and the other, especially the other." During another service, a nine-year-old girl tripped as she returned to her seat after taking ceremonial wine. The rabbi quipped: "One drink and she's anybody's." Cecil Reese, vice-president of the synagogue's council, told the tribunal: "Rabbi Cohen is a great entertainer with a ready wit but he does not seem to appreciate that there are times when certain things should not be said." Reese added.

Youth kills parents, 2 brothers and sister

SAO PAULO, Brazil (R) — An 18-year-old youth shot dead his mother, father, two brothers and a sister after an argument about the volume of his record player in the middle of the night, police said. A spokesman said Roberto Agostinho Peukert Valente had admitted the killings at his Sao Paulo home early on Sunday after his mother turned off the music and called him a "bum." The teenager told police he decided to teach his mother, Karen Claudia, 42, a lesson when she told him to go to sleep. He loaded the .38 revolver belonging to his 46-year-old father Mario Agostinho, and shot dead each member of the family, police said. He also used a knife to make sure none of his victims was alive, the spokesman added. The other dead were his brothers Paulo, 17, and Andre, eight, and his sister Cristina, 16.

Smoking banned on Red Square

MOSCOW (R) — Moscow City Council has decided to ban smoking on Red Square, the city's major tourist attraction, according to an official announcement in the Moscow evening newspaper. The no-smoking rule, due to come into force on Jan. 10, responded to letters from the public complaining that smoking did not match the reverent atmosphere due to the burial place of Lenin, founder of the Soviet state, the announcement said. Smoking is already banned in cinemas, theatres and on public transport, including airliners, in the Soviet Union.

Hitchhiker shoots at car, wounds two

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli soldier hitchhiking home Monday night shot at a car that passed him by, wounding two people, the Maariv newspaper said Tuesday. The report said the soldier, 19, set out from his base in southern Israel, hitchhiking rides with motorists travelling in the direction of his home in the north. By late evening, he was still a few miles short of his destination. Near the town of Carmel he apparently lost patience when five cars passed him by — and he shot at the last one. The driver and a passenger were wounded, the newspaper said. Police were called in and they arrested the soldier. Armed Israeli soldiers routinely hitchhike. Newspaper advertisements urge motorists to pick them up but they are under no obligation to do so.

Bets invited on Sterling's fall

LONDON (R) — British bookmakers Thursday challenged gamblers to name the month when the sinking pound Sterling, now worth about \$1.16, would fall to parity with the American currency. The pound, which traded at \$2.45 as recently as 1980, edged up slightly Tuesday, but the long-term trend has been steadily downward. From \$1.40 a year ago it slipped below \$1.30 six months ago and under \$1.20 in October. Bookmakers Ladbrokes offered odds of seven to two against customers predicting correctly when one pound would be equal to one dollar. For gamblers who rate the British currency's prospects more highly they also invited bets on when it might recover to \$1.35, at the longer odds of nine to two.

Jayewardene rejects call for election

COLOMBO (R) — Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene Tuesday turned down an opposition call for a general election.

Former Prime Minister Sirima Bandaranaike last week said the government was unable to resolve the island's ethnic unrest and urged it to resign immediately and hold a general election.

Mr. Jayewardene told a meeting of the ruling United National Party (UNP) Tuesday he did not intend calling an election in the near future.

The president told the meeting:

"If Mrs. Bandaranaike thought that holding a general election now would solve the terrorist problem she was sadly mistaken," an official statement released after the meeting said.

A general election is not due until 1989. The UNP came to power in 1977 defeating Mrs. Bandaranaike's Freedom Party. Mr. Jayewardene held a referendum in December 1982 and obtained the electorate's approval for the government to continue for a further six years without an election.

U.S., Soviets may hold talks on space rescue

WASHINGTON (R) — The Reagan administration plans to seek formal talks with the Soviet Union soon on the possibility of a joint U.S.-Soviet space mission, according to a report published Monday.

The White House declined immediate comment, but U.S. officials told Reuters President Reagan was committed to seek an agreement with Moscow to demonstrate each country's ability to rescue marooned astronauts from the other country.

Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine said Mon-

day Washington planned to initiate talks, possibly as early as this week, on a mission involving the U.S. space shuttle and the orbiting Soviet Salyut space station.

This would involve the two craft circling the earth in tandem while U.S. and Soviet astronauts conducted joint experiments.

The report said, "White House and U.S. space officials believe if the Soviets agree to a joint U.S. space shuttle-Soviet space station flight, the effort could lead eventually to joint exploration of the moon and possibly a joint U.S.-Soviet manned flight to Mars."

Defendant says priest's murder approved 'at top'

TORONTO, Poland (AP) — A secret police captain who organised the abduction and killing of a pro-Solidarity priest testified Tuesday the decision to kidnap the cleric was made at "the very top" and he was certain a deputy interior minister was aware of the plan.

Capt. Grzegorz Piotrowski said he told his two subordinates that the decision to kidnap the Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko "was not a decision taken at the level of the department."

"For me, the lowest level that could have taken such a decision was a deputy minister," the 33-year-old officer told the court where he and three other secret police officers are being tried for Fr. Popieluszko's abduction and slaying last October.

Asked by the judge what made him believe a deputy interior minister was behind the decision to kidnap the priest, Capt. Piotrowski replied:

"I knew the style of management. I knew who could afford to take such a decision, so it's clear that the decision was taken at the very top."

Capt. Piotrowski did not name the deputy interior minister. The Interior Ministry controls all Polish uniformed and plainclothes police forces, including the secret police.

After a midday break in the trial, Capt. Piotrowski resumed his testimony and told the court it was always suggested to him that there was a "higher level authorisation" for the kidnapping but that "I see now for the whole case I never had any proof that a 'head' existed."

The judge then intervened and

asked, "so there never was a head?"

Capt. Piotrowski spread his arms wide and replied: "Perhaps it is better that there is no head."

He was not immediately asked to explain his statement earlier in the day that he believed the decision was made by a deputy interior minister.

One of the defendants, Lt. Waldemar Chmielewski, said during the pre-trial investigation that Capt. Piotrowski told him Deputy Interior Minister Gen. Wladyslaw Ciasnon, the head of the Polish Security Police, supported the abduction.

But Lt. Chmielewski withdrew the statement under questioning from the judge during his testimony Monday and said he never heard Capt. Piotrowski use Gen. Ciasnon's name.

Capt. Piotrowski, Lt. Chmielewski and Lt. Leszek Pekala are charged with abducting and murdering Fr. Popieluszko. A fourth defendant, Interior Minister Col. Adam Pietruszka, is charged with aiding and abetting his three subordinates.

All four face possible death penalties if convicted.

Fr. Popieluszko, an outspoken critic of Communist authorities and defender of the outlawed Solidarity free trade union, was abducted on a highway north of Torun on Oct. 19. His bound and gagged body was pulled from a Vistula River reservoir 11 days later.

Capt. Piotrowski on Monday acknowledged having beat the priest and throwing him into a reservoir but said he was innocent of the charges against him.

Reelection of Reagan becomes official

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan's reelection became official Monday at a sparsely attended joint session of Congress where the lawmakers opened the 538 electoral college ballots and confirmed Mr. Reagan's landslide.

Almost nine weeks after 92.6 million Americans went to the polls, the lawmakers confirmed that Mr. Reagan won a record 525 electoral votes to Democrat Walter Mondale's 13.

Vice President George Bush achieved the same margin over Geraldine Ferraro, the first woman to be nominated by a major political party to run for U.S. vice

president. Mr. Bush, as president of the Senate, called out the official results.

At the end of the ceremony, as vice presidents have done for two centuries, Mr. Bush declared, "this announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons elected president and vice president of the United States, each for the term beginning on the 20th day of January, 1985."

Before the ritual, U.S. House of Representatives Democratic majority leader Jim Wright told reporters the electoral college "has been obsolete for some time. It's a relic of the powdered wig and snuff box era. It's a charming exercise ... (but) I think it's outlived its usefulness."

Four "tellers" — Senators Charles Mathias Jr., Republican, and Wendell Ford, Democrat, and Representatives Frank Annunzio, Democrat, and Pat Roberts, Republican — opened the Manila envelopes containing each state's official vote certificate and called out the results to Mr. Bush.

Each envelope was opened with a different gold-colored letter opener, creating 51 instant souvenirs.

Applause and cheers went up from the Republican contingent after each ballot was counted for Mr. Reagan and Mr. Bush.

South Korean police prevent opposition leader from attending political rallies

SEOUL (R) — About 150 police Tuesday surrounded the house of leading dissident Kim Young-Sam for nearly three hours to prevent him from attending opposition political rallies here, a senior police officer said.

Senior Superintendent Kim Ki-Sop, who led Tuesday's operation, told Reuters police were trying to stop the dissident from attending rallies being held Tuesday by two opposition politicians campaigning for next month's elections.

He said police had warned Kim Young-Sam against taking part in any political activities, from which

he is banned.

"We withdrew from around the house after his (Kim's) aides promised that he would not attend the political rallies," the police officer said.

Mr. Kim told reporters he was constantly watched by plainclothes police but was not under house arrest as his aides had reported earlier.

Mr. Kim, a former opposition leader and one-time presidential contender, said he would continue his efforts to press for full democracy in South Korea.

Mr. Kim is among 15 politicians still banned from political activity

until 1988. One of the others is former presidential candidate Kim Dae-Jung who has been in exile in the United States for the past two years.

Mr. Kim Dae-Jung has said he will return to Seoul at the end of this month despite fears that he will be jailed again to complete a 20-year sentence.

Mr. Kim Young-Sam staged a 23-day hunger strike calling for democracy in June 1983.

Despite the political ban, Mr. Kim Young-Sam last year formed a political dissident group called the Council for the Promotion of Democracy (CDP).